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**MEMORANDUM FOR ALMAJCOM/SG**

**FROM: HQ USAF/SG**  
110 Luke Avenue, Room 400  
Bolling AFB, DC 20032-7050

**SUBJECT: Wear of the Uniform at Professional, Scientific, or Technical Meetings (SG Policy Letter #03-001, Supersedes SG Policy Letter #01-003, 18 Jul 01)**

I want to reaffirm a long-standing policy regarding the wear of the Air Force uniform at professional meetings and conferences. This policy applies regardless of whether the member is in a paid or permissive TDY status.

If you are attending a civilian-hosted conference where the civilians wear business suits (business formal), wear our service dress uniform. If you are attending a civilian-hosted conference where civilians are wearing polo shirts or open collar (business casual), wear your short sleeve blue shirt with or without tie/tab.

If the military is hosting the conference, wear whatever uniform the host has established as the uniform of the day. If you are sponsoring a conference, choose the uniform that is appropriate for that particular climate and situation. Avoid establishing or wearing civilian attire for official government-sponsored meetings and training if there are no obvious security threats, safety, or practicality issues. You should include these threats as a part of your normal operational risk management assessment of the event.

Maintaining professional standards is a top priority for the men and women of the Air Force Medical Service. Wearing the uniform properly and proudly is the first mark of a true military professional. I expect each Air Force member to present a sharp military image, regardless of forum or setting.

If you have any questions concerning this policy, please contact my executive staff at DSN 297-4444.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Peach Taylor, Jr.", is positioned above the typed name.

**GEORGE PEACH TAYLOR, JR.**  
Lieutenant General, USAF, MC, CFS  
Surgeon General